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8	BEFORE THE RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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10	STATE OF CAL	IFORNA
11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	RCB Case No. 1H 2007 516
12	PAUL ANTHONY MEZA 3634 E. Donner Avenue	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FOR PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND
13	Fresno, CA 93726	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
14	Applicant/Respondent	
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16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the	
17	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
18	<u>PARTIES</u>	
19	1. Stephanie Nunez (hereinafter	"Complainant") is the Executive Officer of
20	the Respiratory Care Board of California (hereinafter "Board") and is represented in this matter	
21	by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, Supervising Deputy	
22	Attorney General Jose R. Guerrero, and by Catherine	e Santillan, Senior Legal Analyst.
23	2. Respondent PAUL ANTHON	IY MEZA (hereinafter "respondent") is
24	representing himself in this matter.	
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>	
26	3. On August 8, 2007, the Board	I received an application for a respiratory
27	care practitioner license from respondent. The Board denied the application on December 20,	
28	2007 and on December 22, 2007, respondent request	ted a hearing.

1	4. Statement of Issues No. 1H 2007 516 ("Statement of Issues") was filed on		
2	February 27, 2008 before the Board and is currently pending against respondent. The Statement		
3	of Issues, together with all other statutorily required documents, was duly served on the		
4	respondent in accordance with the California Administrative Procedure Act and respondent has		
5	filed a Notice of Defense. A copy of said Statement of Issues is attached as Exhibit A and		
6	incorporated herein by reference.		
7	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS		
8	5. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the nature of the		
9	charges alleged in the Statement of Issues 1H 2007 516.		
10	6. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the contents, force,		
11	and the effect of this Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order		
12	("Stipulation").		
13	7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights and that, but for this		
14	Stipulation, he would be entitled: 1) to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement		
15	of Issues; 2) to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; 3) to present evidence on		
16	his own behalf and to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the		
17	production of documents; 4) to reconsideration and appeal of an adverse decision; and 5) all		
18	other rights accorded pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act and other		
19	applicable laws.		
20	8. Respondent hereby voluntarily, knowingly, intelligently and freely waives		
21	and gives up each and every right set forth above.		
22	<u>CULPABILITY</u>		
23	9. Respondent admits the charges and allegations contained in Statement of		
24	Issues no. 1H 2007 516, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A .		
25	Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the		
26	Order below.		
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CONTINGENCY

- 11. This Stipulation shall be subject to the approval of the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Stipulation, without notice to or participation by respondent or his representative. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulation as its Disciplinary Order, the Stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this Stipulation.
- 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board shall, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that PAUL ANTHONY MEZA is hereby publicly reprimanded by the Respiratory Care Board. This Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order shall constitute the formal public reprimand; in addition, as part of this Stipulation, respondent agrees as follows:

- A. No further violation of the law will occur; and
- B. Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board the amount of \$732.25 for its investigative and prosecution costs. The amount shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Disciplinary Order. The filing of bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of the responsibility to reimburse the Board for its investigative and prosecution costs.
- C. Failure to timely reimburse the Board for its investigative and prosecution costs in the amount set forth above shall constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 3755 for purposes of further disciplinary proceedings. In addition, the Board may withhold renewal of respondent's Respiratory Care Practitioner License.

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1	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>	
2	I, PAUL ANTHONY MEZA, have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlemer	
3	For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order, and enter into it freely, voluntarily, intelligently,	
4	and with full knowledge of its force and effect on my Respiratory Care Practitioner License. I	
5	fully understand that, after signing this stipulation, I may not withdraw from it, that it shall be	
6	submitted to the Respiratory Care Board for its consideration, and that the Board shall have a	
7	reasonable period of time to consider and act on this stipulation after receiving it.	
8	DATED: March 4, 2008	
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10	Original signed by: PAUL ANTHONY MEZA	
11	Respondent	
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13	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>	
14	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary	
15	Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Respiratory Care Board,	
16	Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.	
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18	DATED: March 5, 2008.	
19	EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California	
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21	Original signed by:	
22	Original signed by: CATHERINE E. SANTILLAN Senior Legal Analyst	
23	Legal Representative for Complainant	
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BEFORE THE RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

RCB Case No. 1H 2007 516

PAUL ANTHONY MEZA 3634 E. Donner Avenue Fresno, CA 93726

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Respiratory Care Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, as its Decision in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall be effective on April 24, 2008.

It is so ORDERED April 10, 2008.

Original signed by:

LARRY L. RENNER, BS, RRT, RCP, RPFT PRESIDENT, RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA